



FLWEMS Paramedics Adult Protocol for the Management of:
BOWEL OBSTRUCTION

Indications

To outline paramedic care and management of the patient with a known or suspected bowel obstruction.

Procedure

1. Secure an airway as outlined in FLWEMS Paramedics Adult Protocol for the Management of Airway & Ventilation and administer supplemental **Oxygen** as needed. Be prepared to aggressively secure airway to avoid aspiration if patient is unable to protect their own airway from stool, blood and/or emesis.
2. Suction airway as needed.
3. Establish an OG or NG tube as needed.
4. Elevate head of the bed to the position of comfort.
5. Establish IV of **0.9% NaCL**. Unless contraindicated due pulmonary edema, bolus 500-1000cc of **0.9% NaCL** and run at 20-30 cc/hr.
6. Contact medical control and consider administration of:
 - a. **Promethazine Hydrochloride** (*Phenergan*) 12.5 – 25mg diluted in 10cc **0.9% NaCL** given slow IVP over 2 minutes.
 - (1) Be aware of possible sedative or narcotic potentiation as a result of this medication.
 - (2) In the event of excessive sedation as a result of **Promethazine Hydrochloride** (*Phenergan*) administration, provide the following care:
 - (a) Discontinue the administration of medications immediately.
 - (b) Provide supportive care as needed.
 - b. **Ondansetron** (*Zofran*) 4 – 8mg undiluted slow IVP over 1 – 2 minutes.
7. Transport to appropriate Emergency Department.
8. Contact medical control for further orders as needed.

CAIRA/Chemical Surety Considerations

None

Triage Considerations

Refer to S.T.A.R.T. Triage Protocol

END OF SOP – NOTHING FOLLOWS